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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Present Application:

Applicants : Nick Holt and Steve Thomas
Title : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CUSTOMIZING FORMS IN AN ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM
Docket No. : 669005.409C3
Date : August 14, 1996

Prior Application:

Examiner : Joseph Feild
Art Unit : 2412
Application No. : 08/334,616

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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.60

Sir:

This letter requests the filing of a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.60 of pending prior Application No. 08/334,616, filed November 3, 1994, for "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CUSTOMIZING FORMS IN AN ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM."

1. I hereby verify that the attached documents comprise a true copy of prior Application No. 08/334,616 as originally filed. I further verify that no amendments (if any) referred to in the Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

2. Amend the specification by inserting before the "Technical Field" a new section as follows:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 08/334,616, filed November 3, 1994, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 08/207,231, filed March 7, 1994, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 07/621,444, filed November 30, 1990. --

3. The prior application is assigned of record to Microsoft Corporation:
 Reel 5589/Frame 0379.

4. The filing fee is calculated below:

For	Number filed	Number extra	Rate		
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Total Claims			X \$	=	\$
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TOTAL FILING FEE					\$
Extension-of-time fee (parent)				+	\$
TOTAL					\$

5. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
 6. The power of attorney in the prior application is to RICHARD W. SEED, Registration No. 16,557; ROBERT J. BAYNHAM, Registration No. 22,846; EDWARD W. BULCHIS, Registration No. 26,847; GEORGE C. RONDEAU, JR., Registration No. 28,893; DAVID H. DEITS, Registration No. 28,066; WILLIAM O. FERRON, JR., Registration No. 30,633; PAUL T. MEIKLEJOHN, Registration No. 26,569; DAVID J. MAKI, Registration No. 31,392; MICHAEL J. FOLISE, Registration No. 31,952; ROBERT M. STORWICK, Registration No. 30,112; RICHARD G. SHARKEY, Registration No. 32,629; GEORGE B. FOX, Registration No. 31,510; DAVID V. CARLSON, Registration No. 31,153; MAURICE J. PIRIO, Registration No. 33,273; KARL R. HERMANNS, Registration No. 33,507; L. GRANT FOSTER, Registration No. 33,236; BRIAN W. HANNON, Registration No. 32,778; DAVID D. McMASTERS, Registration No. 33,963; and JOHN M. KELLY, Registration No. 33,920, composing the firm of SEED and BERRY, 6300 Columbia Center, Seattle, Washington 98104-7092, our attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney in the prior application is enclosed.

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The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this application.

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- Copy of Previous Application
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Kindly acknowledge receipt of the below-listed documents by placing
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Cert. of Mailing by Ex. Mail; Request for Filing Continuation
Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.60 (+ copy); Copy of Original Application;
Copy of Original Declaration; in re: Nick Holt and Steve Thomas,
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Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures:

- Postcard
- Check No. 45779 for \$130
- Form PTO-1082 (+ copy)
- Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.81
- Copies of Original Continuation Under 37 C.F.R. 1.60 & supporting documents

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Commissioner:

Applicants hereby petition the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for preservation of the filing date in the above-referenced matter.

By Treasury Clerk in approximately
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On August 14, 1996, Applicants filed a Request for Filing Continuation Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.60 of pending prior Application No. 08/334,616, filed November 3, 1994 for "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CUSTOMIZING FORMS IN AN ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM," which subsequently issued as Patent No. 5,557,723 on September 17, 1996. Applicants' representative erroneously mailed the Request and accompanying documents to the Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks. A confirmation of receipt of the patent application was received from the Trademark Mailroom dated August 14,

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On January 8, 1997, Applicants' representative initiated a search. The U.S. Postal service confirmed delivery on August 16, 1996 of Express Mail package EM209353178US. It was signed for by "Duncan." Applicants' representative spoke with two people in the Trademark Mailroom on two different dates. On January 8, 1997 and March 19, 1997, Applicants' representative received assurances that patent applications

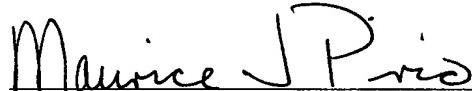
received in the Trademark Branch are immediately forwarded to the Patent Application Branch. Applicants' representative was told that there are no utility patent applications being held in the Trademark Branch. Upon checking with the Patent Application Branch on the same dates, Applicants' representative was advised that the process is slowed considerably by the mailing error but to "wait another month or so" for a filing receipt. On April 7, 1997, it was confirmed by the Patent Application Processing Department that this application had not been received.

Applicants respectfully request that the filing date of August 14, 1996 be preserved and granted to this application. Enclosed is a complete copy of the application as originally submitted and copies of supporting documents. Also enclosed is the petition fee of \$130 as required.

Respectfully submitted,

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